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The amendment filed on August 24, 2005 does not comply with the notice of non-compliance sent out on October 8, 2003. Applicant is required to have a status identifier with each claim. Only canceled claims can be written in a group, such as Claims 1-3 (canceled). Other claims, such as new claims, require the status identifier to be located in the first line of the claim after the claim number. It is also unclear whether claims 1-2 are canceled or amended as it appears to be both in the submission. Futhermore, not only is the amendment non-compliant, it is also continues to be non-responsive as applicant has failed to discuss how each of the new claims read over the prior art applied as required by 37 CFR 1.111. Applicant has also failed to correct all the problems pointed out in the notice of non-compliance, including those noted above.

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